

Listing of the Claims:

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

- 1 80 (Currently Amended). A method of accessing personal information,
2 associated with a plurality of users and stored in a computer system, in a
3 manner that protects the privacy of users, wherein each user has a personal
4 identifier and a plurality of anonymous identifiers, comprising the steps of:
5 prompting a user for the user's personal identifier;
6 determining a first anonymous identifier from information derived
7 from the user's personal identifier;
8 accessing data associated with the user stored in a first database
9 using the first anonymous identifier as an index to a first database;
10 authenticating the user using the data associated with the user
11 accessed in said first database using the first anonymous identifier;
12 identifying a second anonymous identifier from information
13 derived from the user's personal identifier if the step of authenticating is
14 positive; and
15 using the second anonymous identifier as an index to a second
16 database distinct from said first database to access personal information
17 associated with the user stored in a said second database.
- 1 81 (Previously Presented). The method for accessing personal information
2 recited in claim 80, further comprising the steps of:
3 providing the user's personal identifier to a first server computer,
4 said first server computer performing the step of determining the first
5 anonymous identifier;
6 providing the first anonymous identifier to a second server
7 computer, said second server computer performing the steps of accessing
8 data from said first database and authenticating the user, said second server
9 computer further providing a positive indication to the first server
10 computer further providing a positive indication to the first server

11 computer if the user is successfully authenticated;
12 wherein in said first server computer preforms the step of
13 determining the second anonymous identifier in response to a positive
14 indication from the second server computer further providing the second
15 anonymous identifier to a third server computer, said third server computer
16 performing the step of accessing personal information associated with the
17 user from said second database.